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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 9/30-2 WAR OF THE STAKED PLAINS *Blackwater Keep* ☼
 1 THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW (Baronial Investiture) *Dragonspine* ❖
 8 STAG'S CON *Caerthe* ❖
 23 ESPERANZA ○
 29 QUEEN'S PRIZE, *Fontaine dans Sable* ○

NOVEMBER

- 5 ST GOLIAS FEAST DAY *St Golias*
 12-13 CORONATION *Drygestan* ○
 19 DAY OF A&S *al-Barran* ○
 20 TOYS FOR TOTS *al-Barran* ○

DECEMBER

- 17-18 MIDWINTER *al-Barran* ○

☼ attendance by His Excellency ❖ attendance by Her Excellency ○ attendance by Their Excellencies

FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings to the populace,

It's been a fun and exciting month with many excellent things happening in al-Barran and to al-Barranians. Congratulations to Their Royal Highnesses, Sir Hrorek and Lady Caoilfhionn! Crown tourney was excellent with an amazing showing from al-Barran and the southern reaches of the Kingdom. Congratulations also to Master Balthazar on his victory at Silver Pass. Thank you to all those that traveled to support these and other groups this Summer, you have represented al-Barran fantastically!

A bit closer to home was Champions, and what a Champions it was. Cathail, Christopher, and House Golden Oak did an amazing job, fighting, archery, art, youth, and one of the best bardic circles Ryan has ever attended (special thanks to Cornelius, the competitors, and performers). And if that wasn't enough, there were kilts, codpieces, haggis, and beads oh my. And the tavern, and the competitions, and the prizes, and so much more ... just WOW! Champions is always a time for competition and change and we would like to thank those that have been with us from near and far this past year and heartily welcome the following to our retinue:

THL Morris, Baron's Champion

Sir Artan, Master Swordsman

Sir Badai, Flower of Chivalry

Lord Michael, Protector of the Baroness' Heart

Don Santiago, Premiere Blade

Don Ulrich, Rapier Flower of Chivalry

THL Ian, Champion Archer

Lady Elanor, Baronial Bard

Lord Samuel, Bearer of the Baroness' Favor

We look forward to spending time with you all, thank you for joining us!

There is still more to come this year, near and far... Our own day of inspiration is approaching with Esperanza 10/23, a new A&S Champion and Champion for the Children will be found at A Day of A&S/Toys-4-Tots 11/19-20, and a most Hungarian Midwinter is fast approaching with a War practice to follow 12/17-18 (check out the website for costume ideas!). A bit farther afield in this great Kingdom we have The Straight and Narrow (and Baronial Investiture) in Dragonspine 10/1, StagsCon in Caerthe 10/8 (an excellent resource and networking event for officers and those interested in being officers), Queen's Prize with our good cousins in Fontaine 10/29, and the Coronation of Their Royal Highnesses in Drygestan 11/12-13. Just when you thought there wasn't going to be any fun left after camping season.

Our officers and autocrats are busily working to make sure we keep having fun. There are openings in both the Quartermasters and Hospitalers offices, please contact Natasha or Diana for more information on these offices. And there are still volunteer opportunities available for Esperanza, Toys-4-Tots, and Midwinter, help the autocrats help us by volunteering early (they have lots more fun that way and you know you want to help). We are also accepting proposals for events next year, if you have a new idea or would like to run or help run a traditional event, please contact us and our Seneschal.

There is one other event coming up ... WAR! That's right Estrella season is upon us and it is time to prepare the al-Barran Warhost for battle! Join us at

Sir Bohemond's home to plan the shape and training for our army. We will be discussing what drills to use, how to get warriors to Estrella, and as the scenario information becomes available, how to fight them successfully. If you have suggestions, are curious, or want to be in on the planning, please join us. We want to see representatives from all the houses of al-Barran there to prepare the most well trained, powerful, prepared, and united force our foes have ever seen. Watch the listserv for details and directions.

Thank you to everyone that has joined us at home and abroad, it has been a fantastic camping season and we look forward to the cooler temperatures of Fall and preparations for Estrella.

Ryan

Tana

FROM THE BARONIAL SCRIBE

Scribal classes are happening at 6pm Wednesday at Baron Sebastian's workshop thanks to Mistress Marguerita. Average attendance is about 6. New scribes have been working on AoA promissories and several also prepared entries for the scroll competition at Champions'. Thanks to the many baronial scribes who prepared kingdom scrolls for the King's court at Champions'. These include: Lady Brighid, Lady Danica, Lord Llywus, Lady Elanor, Lord Michael, THL Ymanya, and myself. Baronial scrolls for the event were the work of Lady Bronwyn, Lady Sile, and Mistress Caelte. Thank you all!!

The baronial scroll competition at Champions' was a great success this year with 11 entries. Look for these at future baronial courts. The results are as follows:

1. Most period scroll (with excellent documentation)--THL Ymanya Murray
2. Best Calligraphy--Lady Sile
3. Best Illumination--Lady Alexandra Taylor
4. Best Rendition of a Scorpion in Illumination--Lord Llwyus ap Alan
5. Best "Monika Leaves"--Lady Bronwyn Blackwell
6. New Scribe Awards to--(for first scrolls)
Lord Henry of Aquatine--most scrolls entered
Lady Ceridwyn--exploration of Celtic techniques--knotwork
and zoomorphics

At al-Barran's "Day of A&S" on November 19th, a full track of 8 scribal classes will be offered, with everything from beginning calligraphy to period gold-leafing. Instructors will include: Mistress Maria Sol de Leon, Mistress Averil and Mistress Joella (from the Citadel), Mistress Sara de Montgomerie, THL Ymanya Murray, Lord Llywus ap Alan,, and myself. A full schedule and listing of classes will be posted next month. Thanks to my deputy, Lady Brighid for attending the citizen's meeting in my stead. And many congratulations to THL Ymanya Murray on the receipt of her Flower at Champions'.

In service to the scribal arts and the barony, I remain

Monika von Zell

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

Greetings my fellow al-Barranians,

The Quartermaster's office would to give thanks to Randy the Viking for making a wooden box with handles for storing the list field in. Once again Randy saves the day in helping return items to the keep, huzzah!!

I am still looking for a Deputy Quartermaster to help assist with checking items in and out of the keep and with updating inventory. If anyone is interested in this position please contact me at scotishtrollop@yahoo.com.

The barony is looking to purchase a trailer for loading and hauling baronial items to events. If anyone has information on where to purchase a 5x8 or 5x10 enclosed trailer with brakes please contact me or James David at seneschal@al-barran.org.

Last I would like to Thank Chris Blackwood and Cathail of Killmartin for packing hauling and returning all items to and from the keep. From the quarter-crew, thank-you Golden Oak for one of the best Champions ever.

In Service to al-Barran,

Lady Natasha MacDuff Mechislav

FROM THE HOSPITALLER

Greetings unto the populace of al-Barran,

We have had lots and lots of new faces at the park on Sunday's!! I need one more deputy hospitaller!! Come share your knowledge and excitement. One Sunday a month!! If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact me ASAP. Contact info is inside the front cover of this missive.

In Service,

PHL Diana of Stanberris

FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHALL

Greetings all,

The conclusion of Champions heralds in the WAR season! The focus at fighter practice after Champions will be Melee. There are many preparations that are made for Estrella War each year. Planning is the first step. On Monday, October 10th, at 7:00 pm, there will be the third meeting at my home to address the preparations al-Barran needs to make for heavy combat. Over the next few months, we will look over the treaty so that we might advise the Crown Prince before treaty negotiations, devise strategies for victory, and lay out our training for the fall and winter. The Baron, Seneschal, and former Knight Marshal are planning to attend. The Crown Prince attended the first meeting. All who have interest are invited. Even if you do not have rank, even if you do not have armor; if you have interest, you are invited.

Contact me at knightmarshal@al-barran.org to get directions to my home.

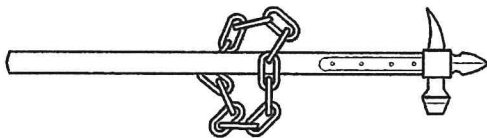
Column Charges have been very successful in the past. Shieldmen are an important component of this tactic. We will be using them again. There are five things every man in a column charge needs to know:

1. "Dump Block" - put your sword basket over your head with the blade running down your back.
2. In a two man wide column, the most common, "right handed fighters on the left" side of the column and "left handed fighters on the right" side column. If we follow this rule your shield will be to the outside. In columns larger than two men wide, the above rule holds and anyone can be in between.
3. If you fall or get killed during a column charge, "fall out and away" from the rest of the column so you don't trip everyone else in the column.
4. "Do not stop and fight" - continue to push until you have broken through the rear rank of the enemy unit.
5. "Reform in the backfield" - Keep pushing and not fighting until you are at least 10 yards in the backfield at that time you can begin to fight and call for reforms. Be sure to quickly exploit your hard earned opportunity.

The Baron suggests fighters write this on the back of their shields.

Sir Bohemond le Sinistre, OZ

Knight Marshal



FROM THE RAPIER MARSHALL

Greetings to all who come by these words,

It is my hope that this finds each of you are well and happy. What a busy month! I want to personally thank all of you who donated, participated, hauled, set up, and tore down at the event Lady Maria Sol DeLeon coordinated on behalf of the victims of hurricane Katrina on September 11th. What a resounding success! What a glorious opportunity to serve others. Many thanks to you and your family, Maria.

Champions is reported to be a spectacular event this year. I look forward to seeing all of you there! I do hope each of us is prepared to compete for one or more of the honorable titles to be earned. Bring your endurance, your skill, and most of all, your honor to the field.

September 25th, at practice in Bataan Park, Baroness Emma will be holding a Duck Tournament. Haul your skill, your weapons, your sense of (fowl) humor, and all things duckie to fighter practice! With Baroness Emma hosting, you know you're going to have fun, so be prepared! NOTE: Don't forget to bring your patience - I'm going to try my hand as list mistress for this tourney. Bribes are not accepted, however, chocolate *always* is. (Disclaimer: I do not represent, nor am endorsed by the MOL. My pantry is simply low on chocolate, and therefore the shameless plug. Thank you for your support.)

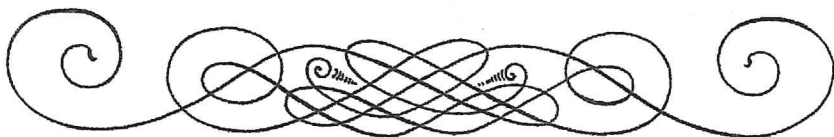
Estrella War is on the horizon - Lets turn our attention (after stretching and warming up) to some melee practices involving various scenarios. Please feel free to offer up a scenario to practice, or request a specific tactic to be addressed. Tournaments will still be held on the third Sunday of the month.

Remember, although I am Baronial Rapier Marshal, I am not an authorizing marshal. For authorizations, please contact Don Charles, Don Coinneach, Don Govanen, or Don Otteaux (Don, DonDonDon). It is your responsibility to check your authorization cards often and keep them current. Please do not wait for the practice before or the actual event in which you want to fight to authorize. If there are weapon forms you are not yet authorized for, please make arrangements with one of the authorizing marshalls for authorization. Estrella War is hurtling at us at breakneck speed. Be prepared.

Yours in Service,

Elisabeau the Lighthearted

Baronial Rapier Marshal



FROM THE SCORPION PURSUIVANT

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of al-Barran and all who come by these letters from THL Pendar the Bard, Scorpion Pursuivant.

No awards were given out by the Baron and Baroness of al-Barran in August 2005.

To my knowledge, no awards were received from the King and Queen of the Outlands by anyone residing in al-Barran in August 2005.

The June 2005 Letter of Acceptance and Return was received by this office via email on 9/15/2005 at 12:53 AM.

The following submissions from al-Barran were ACCEPTED by the College of Arms in June 2005:

Adelina Marie de Castile. Name

Ewen Adin M'Kaill. Name.

Thomas Winterbourne de Kent. Device. Per pale argent and sable, a tree between four spur rowels, two and two, all counterchanged.

Congratulations!

There were no returns of submissions from al-Barran on the June 2005 LoAR.

In Service,

THL Pendar the Bard

Thomas Winterbourne de Kent



FROM THE WEBMISTRESS

Greetings unto all,

In August these were our numbers:

Overall accesses	39,015	Homepage accesses	1,125
Overall visits	3,450	Homepage visits	626

Champions site: 350 hits on the home page

I have started a Midwinter Site at <http://www.al-barran.org/midwinter05>. This is just a basic info site for costuming right now. More information to follow.

Lady Melodia Shaw

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

CITIZENS MEETING

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact: Master James David 830-6904.*

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice

Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Don Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice

First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am, at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Samuel 891-3821.*

Archery Practice

Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice

Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is now held in front of Carlisle Gym. *Directions:* Go west from Redondo Rd and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

Newcomers Household

Meetings will be at 2823 Bel Air Dr NE at 6:30pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. *Contact Etisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions..*

SAD HARVEST

- *Mistress Calite*

The breeze that cooled the humid summer night
Had turned to wind that spread destruction's blight
Blue waters that so gently lapped the shore
Danced dervish paths that cut through rich and poor.

The earth that harbored gardens verdant, sweet
Now treacherous, slick mire beneath the feet.
The flames that once lit lanterns through the town
Now blaze upon the water and the ground.

The wealth of summer's labor should in fall
Be harvested to fill each home and hall.
Alas the land so ravaged by the flood
Will gather naught from fallen trees and mud.

The castles grand struck down by Nature's blow
The hovels, sodden, neath the water's flow
The chariots, bazaars and taverns bright
Forgotten in the cruel, uncaring night.

But in the dark, there comes a cry of joy...
A mother reunited with her boy.
An old man holds tight to his childhood friend
As through the stricken roadways they both wend.

A scholar lost, bereft of books and quills
In foreign halls, his love of learning fills,
A kitten, clutched against a sobbing breast,
A picture from Great-gramma's old hope chest,

A drink of water from a stranger's hand,
A place to sleep; a cherished wedding band,
A doll clutched tight, still damp with salty tears
That helps to keep away the nightmare fears.

We sow our seeds of power, wealth and pride
Forgetful that with Nature we abide.
What shall we harvest when all seems is lost?
We harvest what is dear beyond all cost.

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/30-2	WAR OF THE STAKED PLAINS <i>Blackwater Keep</i>
1	THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW <i>Dragonspine</i>
5	<i>Ramadan Begins (Islamic)</i>
8	STAGS CON <i>Caerthe</i>
10	<i>Columbus Day</i>
13	<i>Yom Kippur (Jewish)</i>
15	AUTUMN CARAVAN <i>Caerthe</i>
15-16	ESTRELLA WAR TREATY NEGOTIATIONS <i>Kingdom of Atenveldt</i>
17	<i>Full moon</i>
22	DANCE MACABRE <i>Caer Galen</i>
23	ESPERANZA VI <i>al-Barran</i>
29	QUEEN'S PRIZE TOURNEY <i>Fontaine dans Sable</i>

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

						1 - Archery - Westside Fighter Practices
2 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	3 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	4	5 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice -Scorpion's Scales	6	7	8 - Archery
9 -Fighter & Rapier Practice - Dance Practice	10 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	11 - Newcomer's Household Meeting	12 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	13	14	15 SHAFT ARTI- CLES DUE - Archery - Westside Fighter Practices
16 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	17 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	18 - CITIZEN'S MEETING	19 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	20 - A&S Exchange Workshop	21	22 - Archery
23 -Fighter & Rapier Practice - Dance Practice	24/31 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	25	26 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	27	28	29 - Archery
30 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	31 - Gammer Gurton's Needle			Regular Activities listings Pages 11&14 has more regular activities information. The Minister of A&S' letter lists more A&S opportunities. Please contact Lady Barbara about Court Dancing practice.		

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Court Dance Practice

There will be court dance practices on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:30pm at fighter practice park (Bataan Park) on 10/9, 10/23 and 11/20. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at our dance practices. Please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 or join the free alBarranMusic_Dance discussion list at www.yahoo.com for further information.

Scorpion Scales, music group

Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: http://www.geocities.com/shiao_mei17/sscales.html to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, at Lady Melody's house. Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article for current meeting place and monthly focus on the page 20. Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, preserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.

al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Youth Activities Volunteers Team

This team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans, and important information for youth and parents in al-Barran. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, go to www.yahoo.com and join the al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents list. (See the article on Page 21.) Please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 for further information.

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave

Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Odile Balestra odile.balestra@gmail.com for days, times and location.

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER

Greetings,

Queen's Prize is this month in the Barony of Fontaine dans Sable on the October 29th. Pre Registration is required. Sponsors are responsible for registering themselves and the artisans they represent. The required information is:

Sponsor Name

Sponsor contact (email and phone preferred)

Artisan name

Artisan contact

Entry piece

Categories on which the sponsor will comment.

Online registration is available directly by phone or at:

<http://www.outlands.org/artandscience/kasreg.aspx>

Pre registration will close on October 15. If you hope to attend but are not sure, please pre-register, even if you must cancel before the event. This year Companions of the order of the Flower are permitted to sponsor people, some years we are not. If you need a sponsor contact me and I will either find you one or sponsor you myself.

November 19th is al-Barran's Baronial A&S championship at Day of A&S. For details on the competition contact our current champion Lady Emery de Fittun. For class and event information contact Lady Jayne Barber.

Midwinter is approaching and I need help with site tokens. Lord Michael and I have decided on the decorative Hungarian Spoons for the Crown and the Coronets but we need talented individuals to help paint them. They will be primed in a variation of each barony's colors, after that whatever your imagination creates is marvelous. If you would like to be involved in this project contact either myself or Lord Michael McQuillan.

Coming up in Arts:

Regular activities:

Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196 for location and subject

Weaving Knowledge and exchange with Lady Monika the Fair
3rd Friday of the month 323-5569

Court Dancing 10/9, 10/23 12:30 to 2:30pm Barbara 293-7453

Scorpions Scales Wednesdays Melody Shaw 265-0161

Lockgen1 'at' aol.com

Events:

October 8-10 Known World Costume & Rattan Symposium
Shire of Dun Ard / Kingdom of Calontir

October 8 Stag's Con Caerthe

October 23 Esperanza al-Barran

October 29 Queen's Prize Tourney Fontaine dans Sable
(Qara Gan 505-326-5407)

November 19, Day of A&S al-Barran Arts & Science Champion, lots of
A&S classes and court dance ball

December 17th al-Barran Midwinter (Michael 505-332-9213)

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FROM THE CHRONICLER

Greetings unto all,

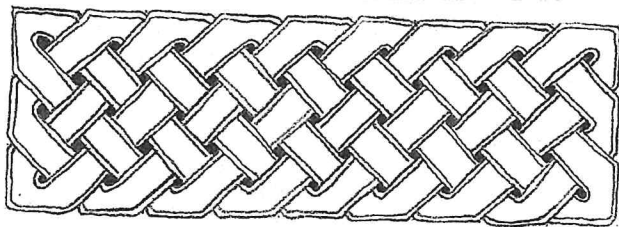
I hope you all had a great time at Champions, I know I did. I'd love to thank House Golden Oak for the awesome job they did running that event. And did you notice? It didn't rain, not even a little bit, and HE Ryan was there, and had set up canvas. Maybe his superpowers are waning... Only time will tell for sure.

For those of you that actually read my report, I'd like to let you all know that the deadline for articles for the Shaft has changed. It is now the 15th of the month. Hopefully, a set date will help those stragglers (you know who you are) get reports in to me unlike with a moving date. The deadline is pretty early in the month I know, but it shouldn't affect anyone too badly. Autocrats still have to get their event announcements to the Kingdom Chronicler by the end of the month prior so they could send their announcements to me at the same time and beat the rush. It will also help me to get the newsletter together, to the printers, and in the mail in plenty of time for you, the readers, to see it before all the wonderful things we have for you actually happen. There's nothing quite so annoying as finding out about a wonderful opportunity right after it's passed you by.

I'd like to thank Michael McQuillian for the Ponyworld. I hope he survives the experience... I'd also like to thank Mistress Cailte for the cover art and the poem in the center. I think we all know why she was the Windover Bard... To all those who have contributed articles/poems/artwork to this publication, thank you. The more of you who contribute, the better this newsletter will become.

In Service,

Lord Y Port Lairge



COURT DANCING

Court Dance practices are scheduled for fighter practice park (Bataan Park) on Sundays, 10/9, 10/23 and 11/20 from 12:30 to 2:30pm. There will be also be court dance classes and a Court Dance Ball at the al-Barran A&S Collegium on Saturday, 11/19. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at our court dance practices. If you want more information concerning court dancing in al-Barran, please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran Musicians and Court Dancers discussion list by going to www.groups.yahoo.com and searching for [alBarranMusic_Dance](#). This free discussion list will give you the latest information concerning court dance practices and Scorpion Scales music practices in al-Barran.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber

Esperanza VI

Sunday, October 23, 2005

"A life without inspiration is bound; a life inspired, boundless." ~Unknown

Hark unto my words and ponder for a moment...do you believe hope is fed by inspiration? Who inspires you to strive for greatness? Do you see someone in your mind's eye when you define the word "inspiration"? What drives you to defy injustice and champion those unable to defend themselves? Whose noble nature would you most care to emulate?

Inspiration: to put spirit into; cheer; hearten. Seize this opportunity to profess who and what inspires you! Strive to inspire others!

Come one and all to al-Barran, the jewel of the Outlands, for Esperanza VI. The day will be filled with heavy & light tourneys, an arts and sciences competition based on inspired works and judged by populace choice, music, dancing, and general merrymaking. A delectable lunch for donations will be provided. Bring your swords, your arts, your finest garb, and honor your inspiration!

This event is FREE, the site is DRY, and pets must be leashed.

Schedule of Events:

9:00 a.m.	Site Opens
9:30 a.m.	Heavy Tournament List Opens
10:00 a.m.	Opening Court
10:30 a.m.	Heavy Tournament Begins
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	A&S Populace Vote
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Children's Activities Scheduled
12:30 p.m.	Rapier Tournament List Opens
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Donation Lunch Available
	Dessert Competition
	Dancers/Scorpion Scales Perform
1:30 p.m.	Rapier Tournament Begins
4:00 p.m.	Closing Court
5:00 p.m.	Site Closes

Directions: Take your best route to Albuquerque. From I-40, take Carlisle at Exit 160 and proceed south on Carlisle to Lomas. Turn west on Lomas; just past the Walgreens is Bataan Park on the north side of Lomas. There is parking on the street around the perimeter of the park.

Autocrat: Elisabeau the Lighthearted (Sharon Vickrey) 505-891-4555 elisabeaux@aol.com

Deputy Autocrat: Brennainn MacDuffie (Jeremy Ewers) blackrabbit1228@msn.com

A Day of A&S November 19th

The al-Barran A&S Collegium, "A Day of A&S" will be held on Saturday, November 19, in the Williamson Education Hall of the Monte Vista Christian Church at 3501 Campus Blvd. NE, Albuquerque. The site is dry and opens at 8am. Classes will be in hourly increments from 9am to noon and from 1pm to 5pm. Parking in the church lot is limited, but there is parking available in the neighborhood. There will also be a donations luncheon from noon to 1pm, a desserts competition, entertainment, a heraldic consultation table, and a Court Dance Ball from 7-9:30pm. We will also have a children's room with supervised activities and classes for our youth. Lady Thalauria de Collier, the Deputy Autocrat, and Lady Sile O' Daragh and Lord Rab Wylkyn will be preparing the lovely donations lunch.

There will also be A&S displays and the choosing of the new al-Barran A&S Champion and additional awards will be given. Tri-fold displays and documentation are preferred but not required. All wishing to display must check in with Lady Emer Fitton at the site by 11am and all displays must be set up by noon. Lady Emer is in charge of the A&S Displays. For further information, please contact Lady Emer at kbutler@salud.unm.edu. For those entrants wishing in-depth commentary on their work, please contact Lady Emer no later than Nov 12.

The church is one block north of Central and two blocks west of Carlisle. The easiest way to get there is to take Carlisle south of Lomas about 3 long blocks to Grand. Turn right/west onto Grand and go 2 very short blocks to the church. Site fee is \$7 for adult members OR a new unwrapped toy (value of \$5 or more). For non-members the site fee is \$10 OR a new unwrapped toy and the \$3 non-member surcharge. For Youth, age 6 to 17, the site fee is \$3 or a new unwrapped toy. Children age 5 and under are free.

Here is a list of the classes and their instructors. For further details about each of the classes (including class descriptions, class fees, maximum # of students, minimum age of students, materials to bring to the class, etc.), please go to our event website at <http://al-Barran.org/dayofas05>. Our youth are welcome to take any of our classes, if they are older than the minimum age for the class. You can sign up for classes that have a maximum # of students, starting at 8am, at the event.

Scribal Arts Classes: Beginning Calligraphy, Mistress Maria Sol de Leon, al-Barran; Introduction to Scribal Arts in the Outlands, Basic Layout and Illumination, THLady Ymanya Murray, al-Barran; Creating Award Scrolls Based on the Book of Kells and Other Irish Gospels, Lord Llywus ap Alan, Drygestan; Scrolls That Fit--Personalizing Award Scrolls, Lord Llywus ap Alan, Drygestan; Acanthus Leaves, Mistress Joella of Blue Lion's Keep, Citadel; 14th Century Illumination, Mistress Sarah de Montgomerie, al-Barran; Gilding the Scroll, Part I, Mistress Monika von Zell assisted by Lady Brighid Og inghean Neill, al-Barran; and Gilding the Scroll, Part II, Mistress Averil du Bois d'Avignon, Citadel.

Fiber Arts Classes: Lucet Cording, Sayidda Maimuna al-Bukhariyya, Drygestan; Beginning Stumpwork, Mistress Richenza le Wydu, al-Barran; and Beginning & Intermediate Inkle Weaving, Lady Bianca Mantegna & Lord Y Port Lairge, al-Barran.

Needle Arts Classes: Simple Cross-and Tent-Stitch, Sayidda Maimuna al-

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Bukhariyya, Drygestan; Embroidery for Largesse, Sayidda Maimuna al-Bukhariyya, Drygestan; Middle Eastern Embroidery, Mistress Richenza le Wydu, al-Barran; and Metal Thread Embroidery, THLady Diana of Llanberris, al-Barran.

Performing Arts Classes: Court Dancing; Singing; Beginning Middle Eastern Drumming, Sir Marcus Arabis, al-Barran; Introduction to Music Theory, Lady Lin Shiao Mei, al-Barran and Promoting and Teaching Court Dancing in your SCA Group, Lady Jayne Barber, al-Barran.

Costuming Classes: Period Pictures & How to Sew by Them, Mistress Rhianwen o Enfys Disberod, al-Barran; Fabrics 101, Mistress Rhianwen o Enfys Disberod, al-Barran; and Making Hand Wrapped Tassels with a Bead Cage, Lady Elanor Dreamweaver, Drygestan.

Jewelry Classes: Viking Wire Weaving, Lady Renee Nix de Livingstone, Drygestan and Beginning Chain Jewelry, Lord Thomas de Carisbourg, al-Barran.

Heraldry Classes: Court Heraldry; Field Heraldry, Lord Aethelwulf the Goliard, al-Barran and Voice Projection, Baron Omar Mohammad Mirzazadeh, Citadel.

Other Classes: Creating a Elizabethan Pleasure Garden; Creating a Medieval Vegetable Garden; Making Bone Needles; Making Banners; Runes, Runeforms & Basic Stone Carving, THLord Bjorn inn gauzki, Citadel; How to Judge an A&S Contest, Mistress Rhianwen o Enfys Disberod, al-Barran; The Writing of a Sonnet 101, Lord Thomas de Carisbourg, al-Barran; and Expanding the Outlands A&S Website, Lady Jayne Barber, al-Barran. Special Youth Classes and Board Games: Simple Embroidery, Willow, al-Barran and Beginning/Intermediate Mah Jongg, Haniya bat Baruch, al-Barran.

Also, I would really appreciate any suggestions you have for making this A&S collegium even better than the last one. And finally we need and love our volunteers--so please let me know if you can give us an hour or two to help with gate, youth activities, a donations lunch, set up or clean up! You can reach me at krege@aps.edu or 505-293-7453 home.

Yours in Service,
Lady Jayne Barber
Autocrat, a Day of A&S



Toys for Tots

November 20, 2005

November 20, 2005, al-Barran will be gathering toys for the Marines at al-Barran's Toys for Tots event at Bataan Park, at the NW corner of Lomas and Carlisle (take the Carlisle exit south off of I-40 and go south on Carlisle to Lomas; turn right/west onto Lomas and Bataan Park is just past Walgreens). In addition to gathering toys, there will be heavy and light tournaments, youth activities and entertainment from 10:30 to 3pm and lists open at 10am. There will also be a donations lunch at noon. Site opens at 9am and closes at 4pm. For further information, please contact the Autocrat, Lord Morgan Railey, at duckie6469@yahoo.com, 505-352-9043 or visit the website at <http://al-Barran.org/toysfortots05>.

al-Barran Midwinter and WAR (!!!) Practice

Barony of al-Barran

Date: December 17th, 18th

Location: Leon Harms Youth Hall,
New Mexico State Fairgrounds

Autocrat: Lord Michael McQuillan

Site Opens: 10:00 am Site Closes: 8:00 pm

Site Fees: TBA

Important: All alcohol consumed at the feast MUST be purchased on site from vendor.

War practice site is ridiculously, insanely, undeniably, and extremely DRY

As the chilled winds sweep across the steppes of Eastern Europe, it's time to get together, shake the cold from our bones, and enjoy the warmth and feasting of al-Barran Midwinter. The theme this year is Hungarian, and it's not time-specific. If you're a Hun looking for a place to hang up his bow for an afternoon, or a 16th century Hungarian aristocrat looking to enjoy another social function, come on in. There's something for everyone.

Come enjoy an incredible Hungarian feast, allow yourself to be mesmerized by our wonderful dancers, and spend the day reliving great memories with old friends. So dress to impress, and come one come all to the social event of the year. It just wouldn't be a party without you.

The menu will be posted in the next article...so watch for it. You will be impressed.

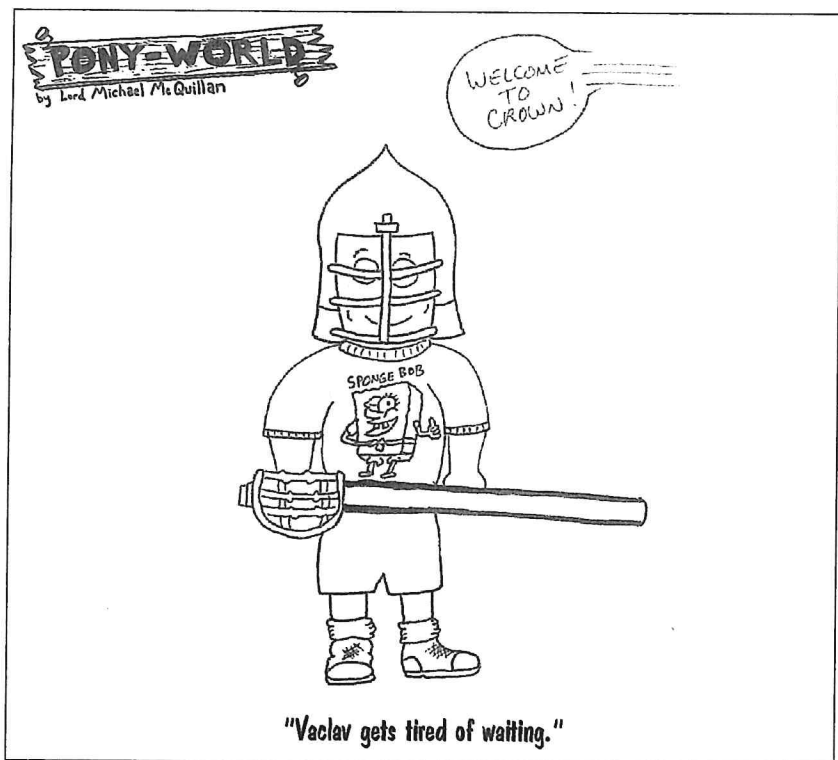
And don't forget about our traditional WAR (go ahead...yell it...no one's listening) practice. As usual, our practice will be held at Bataan Park. Break out the schlagers and rataan, it's time to get those skills sharp so that we Outlanders can once again be the terrors of the field at WAR (yell it again if you must)!!!

The great Barony of al-Barran will be pleased to host all of you. Come enjoy our warmth and hospitality.

Directions to Site: From I-25 in Albuquerque turn east onto I-40 and after a couple of exits, you will see exit signs for Louisiana southbound and northbound. They are different exit ramps, so be sure to take Louisiana South. After a few traffic lights you will see a major street called Lomas. Take a right and take a left on San Pedro, the next major street. When on San Pedro, the New Mexico State Fairgrounds will be seen on your left. Turn left into the complex, taking Gate 3. Turn left at the first stop sign. You will see the administration building on your right and the Villa Hispana on your left. Keep going until the road ends. The Leon Harms Youth Hall is right in front of you. Enter through east side of the building.

Directions to WAR (are you still yelling this?) Practice Site: From I-40, take the Carlisle exit (two exits west of the Louisiana exit) and head south. After a few lights you will come to Lomas. Turn right onto Lomas and the park is immediately on your right between Amherst and Tulane.

Autocrat: Lord Michael McQuillan (Glenn Clayburn, AKA Ponyboy)
(505) 332-9213



AL-BARRAN YOUTH TEAM

The al-Barran Youth Team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans and important information for youth and parents. The next scheduled Youth Team meetings will be at 2:30pm, at Esperanza on 10/23 and at Toys for Tots on 11/20 at fighter practice park (Bataan Park). We are also working to develop an information website for al-Barran youth activities and information. If you have any ideas for the upcoming al-Barran Youth Website, please send your ideas to Lord Christopher Blackwood at ChrisGraham01@aol.com. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, where we post important information concerning the youth and also team meeting information and projects, please go to www.groups.yahoo.com and search for the groups, al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents.

Yours in service to the dream,
 Lady Jayne Barber
 Youth Activities Information Contact Person

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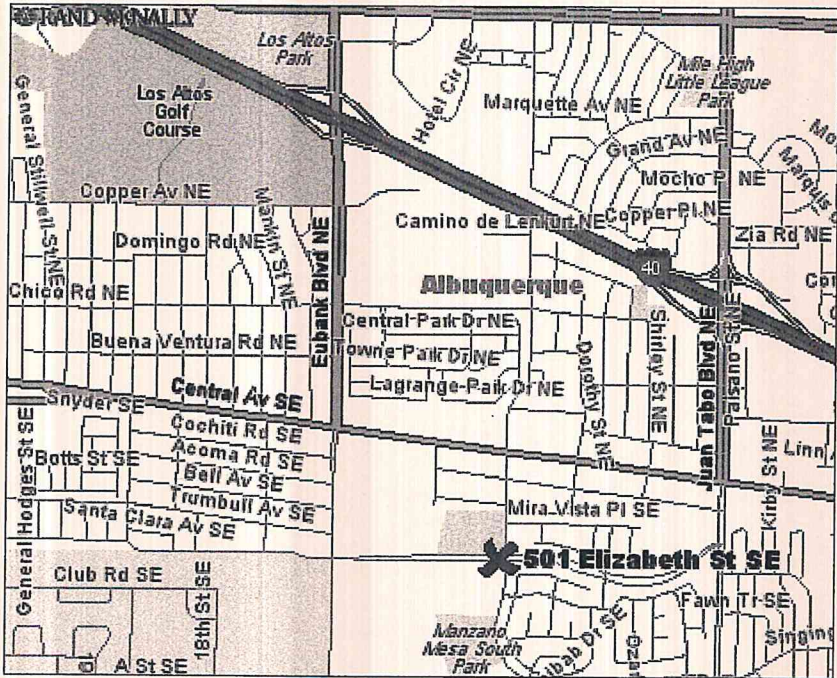
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CITIZEN'S MEETING

The Citizen's Meeting location is the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. The next meeting will be on 18 October. The citizen's meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Seneschal, Master James David 830-6904, for further information.

Driving Directions:

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue on Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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